Workshops) during last three years is given below :

Year	(In terms of four wheeler units) Wagons	Coaches
1994-95	10575	1579
1995-96	17950	1752
1996-97 (Upto Jan. 1997)	17430	1677

[English]

Doordarshan Production Centre, Karnataka

4092. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the places in Karnataka having Doordarshan Production Centres, location-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to open such more Centres in the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Two Programme Production Centres, one each at Bangalore and Gulbarga are presently operational in the State of Karnataka.

(b) There is no approved scheme, at present, to set up additional Programme Production Centres in Karnataka.

(c) Does not arise.

Waiting List for Telephone Connections

4093. SHRI RAJU RANA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of customers on waiting list for telephone connections in Bhavnagar city;

(b) the time by when the waiting list is likely to be cleared;

(c) whether the Government have a proposal to install new telephone exchanges in the district during 1997; and

(d) if so, the details alongwith names of the villages thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) There are 10661 customers on waiting list for telephone connections in Bhavnagar city as on 28.02.1997.

(b) The existing waiting list is likely to be cleared progressively by March, 1998.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. There is a plan to commission 15000 lines New Technology exchange at Bhavnagar city during 1997-98. It is also proposed to open new telephone exchanges in the following villages in Bhavnagar district during 1997-98 :

S.No.	Name of Village	Type of exchange
1.	Bhutia	256 C-DOT
2.	Bajud	-do-
3.	Dolti	128 C-DOT
4.	Ganghali	-do-
5.	Bagdana	-do-

Free Travel Railway Passes

4094. SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the number of free railway passes issued for higher-class railway travel and the cost involved per annum during 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 so far, indicating the criteria adopted for issues of such passes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : A statement is enclosed.

Statement

S.No.	Category	No. of higher class pass (IAC/2AC/IClass) issued 1994-95	1995-96	1996-97 (upto 7.3.97)
1.	Individual and organisations at discretion of MR	181	315	425
2.	Ex. MR/MOS(R)/DMR	3	4	5
3.	Ex. MPs	1258	1301	1670
4.	Arjuna Awardees/ Olympic Medalists/ Asian & Commonwealth Gold Medalists	—	—	337
5.	Gallantry Awardees (Defence)	—	—	467
6.	Gallantry Awardees	—	—	243
7.	Presidents/Secretaries of National Sports Federation of India.	—	—	46

Since passes are complimentary in nature, the cost thereof is not computed.

In regard to category (i) above, complimentary card passes are issued at the personal discretion of the